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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LAKER SKYTRAIN

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT JAN. 10, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE CLINTON-DAVIS SAID TRADE SECRETARY DELL SHOULD SHORTLY BE IN A POSITION TO ANNOUNCE WHETHER HE INTENDS TO APPEAL AGAINST THE HIGH COURT RULING IN FAVOR OF LAKER (REFTEL). HE NOTED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE HAD BEEN GIVEN LEAVE TO APPEAL TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

2. A CONSERVATIVE MEMBER POINTED OUT THAT THE HIGH COURT JUDGMENT WAS NOT ONLY RELATED TO SKYTRAIN BUT ALSO FOUND THAT THE "... WHOLE OF THE SINGLE DESIGNATION POLICY FOR AIRLINES ON LONG-HAUL ROUTES IS UNLAWFUL AND THAT IS THE POLICY ON WHICH HE (THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE) IS RENEGOTIATING THE BERMUDA AGREEMENT." HE ASKED "... WHEN IS HE GOING TO GET HIMSELF STRAIGHTENED OUT?"

3. CLINTON-DAVIS SAID THAT THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE JUDGMENT HAD ONLY BEEN RECEIVED BY MINISTERS DEC. 22. THE MATTER IS BEING CONSIDERED BY MINISTERS AND IT IS HOPED THAT MR. DELL WILL BE IN A POSITION TO INFORM THE HOUSE
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OF HIS DECISION SHORTLY.

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